

Helen Keller letter S1873

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Keller, Helen, 1880-1968
Title	Helen Keller letter
Date	circa 1900-1968
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1873

Preferred Citation

Helen Keller letter, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Biographical Note

At the age of nineteen months, due to an attack of scarlet fever, Helen Keller lost her senses of sight and hearing. Helen's parents requested that a teacher from the Perkins Institution in Boston, Massachusetts, be sent to instruct the child soon thereafter. Miss Anne M. Sullivan was sent to Helen's home in Tuscumbia, Alabama, to train her according to the methods of Dr. S. G. Howe. From 1888 onwards, at the Perkins Institution, and under Miss Sarah Fuller at the Horace Mann School in New York, she not only learned to read, write, and talk, but became proficient to some degree in the ordinary education curriculum, several languages, and mathematics. Unfortunately, no exact record of the steps of her education was kept. In 1900, Miss Keller entered Radcliffe College where, with the aid of tutors and special proctors (and, of course, her friend and teacher Anne Sullivan Macy, who remained with her throughout), Helen graduated cum laude in 1904. After her college education, Miss Keller began working extensively in causes for the blind all over the world. She made many tours and held fund-raising benefits for the American Foundation for the Blind. During and after World War II she was untiring in her efforts to aid blinded veterans, orphans, and refugees. Various honors, awards, and honorary degrees and citations were conferred upon Miss Keller by foreign governments and civic, educational, and welfare organizations throughout the U.S. Helen Keller represents one of the most remarkable cases to date of a person who overcame natural disabilities to develop knowledge and an exceptionally wide general culture. Her writings include: *Optimism* (1903), *"The Song of the Stone Wall"* (1910), *Helen Keller's Journal* (1938), *Teacher* (1955), and others.

Source:

Papers of Helen Keller, 1880-1968, Finding Aid, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 1972. <http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~sch00288>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes one, signed letter to Mrs. Morgan from Helen Keller, stamped "Camp Sheridan Free Library, (American Library Association)" the date is unknown.

The letter reads: "To Mrs. Morgan, with grateful and happy memories. Helen Keller"

Arrangement

This collection includes one item.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- American Library Association.

Subject(s)

- Blind-deaf
- Correspondence